



## Middle School Progression (New Student Information)

We expect all students and families to understand the course progression at the Math & Science Academy and the rigor that goes along with these classes. Your child will receive several hours of homework each week for most of the classes listed below.

### Art

One semester of Art is required during middle school. Students are scheduled for Art in 8<sup>th</sup> grade.

### English

Students must complete the following English classes:

- English 6 (6<sup>th</sup> grade) 1 year
- English 7 (7<sup>th</sup> grade) 1 year
- English 8 (8<sup>th</sup> grade) 1 year

Please contact Mrs. Burggraaff at [mburggraaff@mnmsa.org](mailto:mburggraaff@mnmsa.org) with any questions.

### Health

One semester of Health is required during middle school. Students are scheduled for Health in 7<sup>th</sup> grade.

### Math

Middle school students may be at a different level in math. Students must complete one full year of math with a passing grade before moving to the next class. Below is a typical progression during middle school:

- Pre-Algebra (6<sup>th</sup> or 7<sup>th</sup> grade) 1 year
- Algebra I (6<sup>th</sup>, 7<sup>th</sup>, or 8<sup>th</sup> grade) 1 year
- Algebra II (7<sup>th</sup> or 8<sup>th</sup> grade) 1 year
- Algebra III (8<sup>th</sup> grade) 1 year

Contact Ms. Williams at [bwilliams@mnmsa.org](mailto:bwilliams@mnmsa.org) with any questions. For more information, please see the Course Guide on the MSA website/Parents/Course Guide.

### Physical Education

Below are the PE requirements for middle school:

- Physical Education (6<sup>th</sup> grade) 1 sem.
- Physical Education (7<sup>th</sup> grade) 1 sem.
- Physical Education (8<sup>th</sup> grade) 1 sem.

Contact Mr. Johnston at [tjohnston@mnmsa.org](mailto:tjohnston@mnmsa.org) with any questions.

### Spanish

Students must have the following progression:

- Spanish 6 (6<sup>th</sup> grade) 1 year
- Spanish 7 (7<sup>th</sup> grade) 1 year
- Spanish I (8<sup>th</sup> grade) 1 year

Contact Mrs. Larson at [klarson@mnmsa.org](mailto:klarson@mnmsa.org) to schedule a placement exam.

### Science

Students must have the following progression of middle school science classes:

- Life Science (6<sup>th</sup> grade) 1 year
- Earth Science (7<sup>th</sup> grade) 1 year
- Physical Science (8<sup>th</sup> grade) 1 year  
*MSA's Physical Science course is the equivalent of a high school Physical Science course.*

Contact Mrs. Howe at [chowe@mnmsa.org](mailto:chowe@mnmsa.org) with any questions.

### Social Studies

Students will follow the below Social Studies progression:

- Minnesota Studies (6<sup>th</sup> grade) 1 year
- U.S. Studies (7<sup>th</sup> grade) 1 year
- Global Studies (8<sup>th</sup> grade) 1 year

Please contact Mrs. Anderson at [landerson@mnmsa.org](mailto:landerson@mnmsa.org) with any questions.